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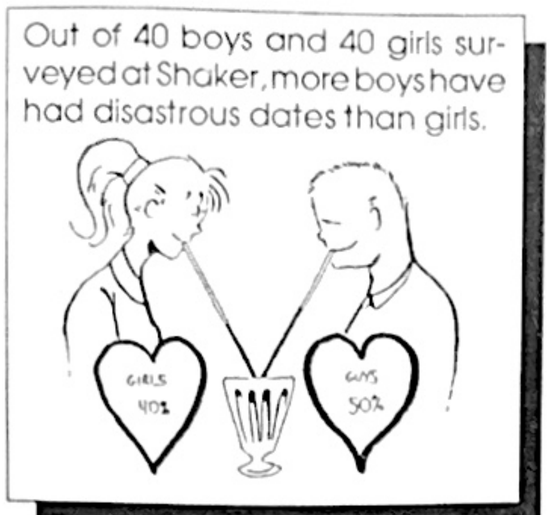

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LEL champs approach state tournament

Boys' tennis team creates racket with young talent

BY JOSH LEVY AND BRIAN RESNIK
Front Page Editor and Staff Reporter

Being the new kid on the block is often difficult. Sophomore Jason Kaufman, however, has had no trouble making the adjustment from University School to Shaker. In fact, he is the top seeded tennis player on this block and plans to lead the Red Raiders to states.

[illegible] young, its success is well documented by its 17-2 record. As of press time, Shaker's raqueteers have clinched a tie for the Lake Erie League championship. A win over Lakewood would lock the title for the Red Raiders.

According to second seeded sophomore David Joseph, the team's strength derives from the instruction and inspiration of coach Allan Slawson.

"We have a coach who makes us work to be the best players we can be," Joseph said.

Third seeded sophomore Ben Stefanski said the Red Raiders are at their best when playing doubles. The tandem of Kaufman and Joseph aced its way through sectionals and intend to slam the district competition. The confident sophomore duo would then advance to states.

"Just think, six more matches until states," Joseph said to Kaufman before their first match at the sectional tourney.

Kaufman and Joseph will play three matches at districts on Friday. Victories in all three matches will send them to states. Saturday, they would play in a tournament to determine the seeding for the May 26-27 state tourney.

"I am guessing they will make it to states. I do not see any team at districts that [Kaufman and Joseph] cannot beat," Slawson said. "They are as good as anybody in there."

Although Shaker did not qualify to states as a team, varsity tennis player junior Kevin Hartt, as well as several other players, said that one of the team's strong points is its tremendous depth.

"We have great depth. [Junior varsity players] Matt Pierce and Oliver Guiness, who are both sophomores, could play varsity for other schools," Hartt said.

According to Slawson, Guiness and Pierce [illegible] Slawson also cited the team's outstanding balance.

"This year, our 10 varsity players are all playing on the same level," Slawson said. "Our number one [seed] can play with our number 10 [seed]."

According to Slawson, this is a different team from the Pep Llinas years.

"We do not have someone like Pep [Llinas] who can guarantee us a win in first singles," varsity tennis player junior Josh Polster said. "We have nine varsity players who play at the same level."

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> –JOSH POLSTER

This balanced squad still holds some weaknesses. Polster said that against teams with superstars, Shaker has no dominant player to defeat them.

"Jason cannot always win," varsity tennis player junior Kyle Freimuth said. "He plays the best players on the other teams."

While victories are not guaranteed, leadership is. The skilled sophomore triumvirate and the seniors have provided the necessary leadership for a victorious season.

"It sounds weird, but we get leadership from our sophomores," Hartt said.

"The sophomores are just playing incredibly right now," Freimuth said.

"Jason, David and Ben are very talented athletes, and I believe they have only scratched the surface," Slawson said. "I do not believe any team in Northeast Ohio has three top players who

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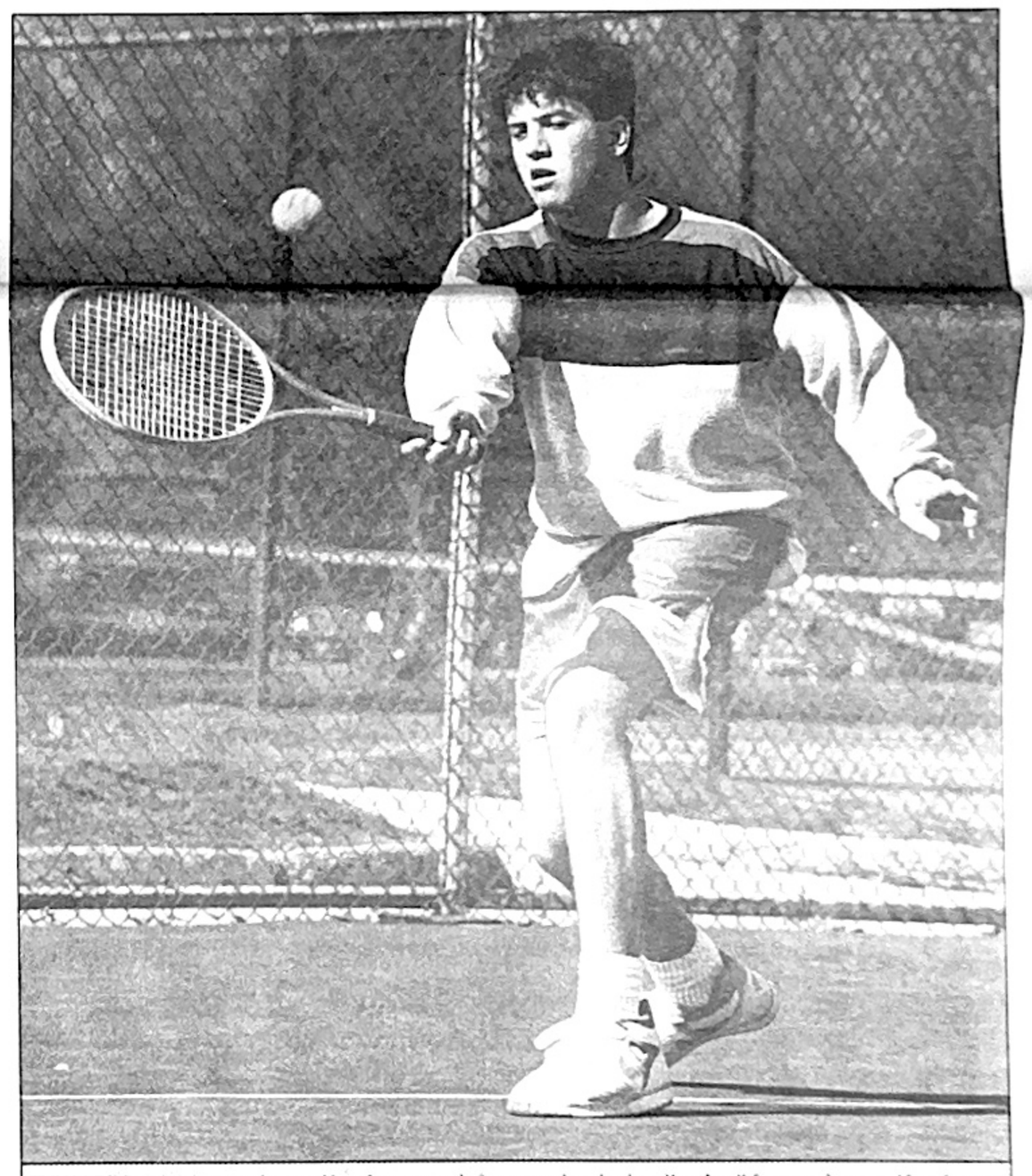

THWAP! Sophomore Jason Kaufman gets in gear to stroke the ball for a winner. Kaufman and sophomore David Joseph lead the Red Raider tennis assault. As of press time, this sophomore tandem needs three victories at the district tournament to qualify for the state tournament. Kaufman and Joseph won their sectional tournament. THE SUN OBSERVER

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HISTORY DAY HONORS

Two history projects participated in the May 5 History Day Competition, which focused on individuals in history. Junior Steven Lee won first place for his paper on Eugene Debs. Lee will participate in the national competition at the University of Maryland June 4. The other project in the competition was a dramatic presentation on Charles Manson. This group won first place at the district competition. Junior Deborah Dreifort, who was a member of this group, said that the controversial topic hurt their standing. The group also consisted of juniors Susan Oaks, Hope Berens, Debbie Rosner and senior Laura Vrana.

FINAL SCHEDULE

The final exam schedule is the following:

- Thursday, June 8: **1 p.m.**
  Math (seniors only)
- Friday, June 9: **8:30 a.m.**
  Science (seniors only)
  1 p.m.
  Social studies (all grades)
- Monday, June 12: **8:30 a.m.**
  Foreign language (all grades)
  Accounting (all grades)
  1 p.m.
  English (all grades)
- Tuesday, June 13: **8:30 a.m.**
  Science (grades 9-11)
  1 p.m.
  Math (grades 9-11)
- Wednesday, June 14
  Conflicts

SCHOOL IN SPOTLIGHT

Shaker has been spotlighted in yet another national publication, this time in Money magazine. In the May, 1989, issue of Money, the high school is the focus of a profile entitled "Feeling the heat at Shaker High." According to the article, students in even the top schools must deal with the tremendous pressure of college admissions and as a result, students are applying to more colleges.

The article also focuses on the guidance department at Shaker, including the computerized college search system, laser-disk reference service, free SAT and PSAT prep sessions and the school's private college financial aid advisor.

STIFLED BY CENSORSHIP

The principal at Jack Yakes High School in Houston refused to allow the school newspaper to cover a story about its valedictorian's personal life, according to The Plain Dealer. The student, Carrie Mae Dixon, 17, has an 18-month old daughter. Dixon is pregnant again.

SHOW TO THRILL AND CHILL

The annual Thornton Park Ice Show, entitled, "Once Upon a Time," will take place May 19 to 21. The show will feature Tiffany Chin, a former national, world and Olympic competitor.

Students travel to History Day contest

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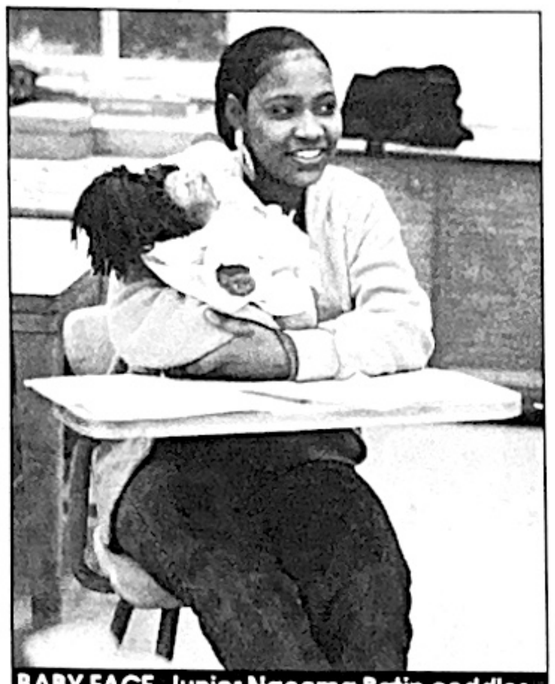

BABY FACE Junior Naeema Batin coddles her "baby" as part of a teenage prenancy unit in her health class. Students were required to carry their kids for one week. PHOTO BY AMY ROSEWATER

Junior Erika Friedman, sophomores Amy Budjos and Andrea Conrad and freshmen Kristy Budjos, Tania Menesse and Stacy Simms will participate in the show. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday nights and at 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets bought in advance cost $3 for students and $4 for adults. At the door, it is $4 for students and $5 for adults.

UP WITH PEOPLE

During its week stay in Cleveland, Up With People, an international organization, will hold interviews for interested high school seniors. The interviews will take place this Sunday, May 21, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Palace Theater.

The group is an international, educational and inter-cultural program for 600 young people between 16 and 25 years old. The group gives its musical performances in up to 19 nations. Participants, who hail from 13 countries, are in the cast for one year. Some opt to stay with the group after their first year, working to set up the group's reception in each city.

"Up With People" will entertain the public at Northcoast Harbor this Saturday. The majority of their stay in Cleveland has been sponsored by Ameritrust. The singers will give a private performance for Ameritrust on Sunday. Interviews will take place at the rehearsal for this show. The cost to join Up With People is $9200, which many participants raise with fundraisers. Thirty-five percent of cast members receive a scholarship to join "Up With People."

NOISY CAT WINS BATTLE

The sixth annual Battle of the Bands, sponsored by Shaker Recreation., was held on Saturday, May 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the middle school auditorium and was won by "Noisy Cat." Members of "Noisy Cat" include 1987 graduate Stephen Ravello and junior Cathy Towns. The two other bands competing for the audience of just under 100 were "Frozen Yogurt" and "Strawberry Statement."

STUDENTS PROTEST GSX

Junior Amy Hersh and 11 other students obtained 698 signatures petitioning against the opinions of GSX waste incinerator submitted to the Ohio Hazardous Waste Facility Board (OHWFB). The students fear that the opening of the GSX plant would be an environmental hazard because the vehicles carrying toxic waste would pollute the environment and the [illegible] of these vehicles would be disastrous. These students participated in a rally at Shaker Square against the plants, but according to Hersh the HWFB can take an indefinite amount of time in making a decision on whether or nor the plant will open.

"The decision could take over a year and they are hoping that by then the public will lose interest in the plant," said Hersh.

SET FOR SUMMER SCHOOL

Summer school session runs from June 21—July 28 and this summer the cost is $135 per course. Driver's Education, which is also offered in the program, is $50. Deadline for registration is June 16.

SEMINAR TO AID JUNIORS

A mandatory seminar for juniors and their parents concerning post—high school plans is May 22. The workshop will offer information on career opportunities and applying to colleges. It will also give tips on the admissions process at selective colleges.

STUDENT COUNCIL CHANGE

Next year's student council will consist of the usual four class officers for each grade level in addition to many newer factions. Six representatives at-large from each grade level will be running. Student council will also consist of five committees: executive, rules, elections, service and publicity committees. They will guide the officers and help in decision-making. One faculty adviser will be assigned to each grade and a grand adviser will oversee the council as a whole.

Candidates in the upcoming election are not eligible if they have attendance contracts, excessive tardies, behavioral referrals, a GPA of lower than 2.0 or if they are currently failing any class. (see profiles of candidates, p. 3).

MEASLES SPOTTED AT SHHS

Since May 8, six cases of measles have been reported. The first case of measles was diagnosed Feb. 18, and the second student developed the measles rash April 22. These two cases are not related, a letter from medical director Dr. Robert O. Walton said. Names of the students who have been diagnosed with measles have been kept confidential.

According to Walton's letter, the incubation period for measles is eight to 12 days until the first symptoms appear. Some of the symptoms are: temperature elevation over 100 degrees, cough, runny nose, sore throat and headache. There are several illnesses which have similar symptoms. However, if a student thinks he may have measles, Walton advises that he or she stay home for a couple of days.

Anyone who is diagnosed with the disease who has not already contacted the school is advised to do so.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC TRIP

For the past two years, a work group from Fairmount Presbyterian Church has traveled to the Dominican Republic to help Rev. Jean Luc Phanord, a Baptist missionary from Haiti, build a church. After complications last year, Luc was not able to get the proper work permits in order for the group to build a church. Luc quickly found other work for the group around his house and church in La Romana, in the Dominican Republic. This work included repainting his church, which is around the block from his house and building an office for him behind his church.

For the third year in a row, 32 teenagers and eight advisors will be traveling to La Romana to assist in building a church again. Sixteen students participating on this year's trip are from Shaker—seniors Warren Phipps and Susie Renkert, juniors Rebecca Baker, Kerry Bihler, Doug Forsberg, Jeff Hilkert, Kevin McQuillen, Amy Rathbone, Jane Schmidt and Andrew Singer, sophomores Mark VanArsdale and Brooke Marcy and freshmen Amy Berens, Matt Gerhart, Aimee Sealfon and Tara Smith.

—FROM STAFF REPORTS—

Levy passes with narrow margin

BY VARUNI KONDAGUNTA
Staff Reporter

The Shaker Heights School District's 9.8 mil levy on the ballot passed by approximately 400 votes. According to Charles Taylor, school board president, it is projected that the levy will allow the district to continue to operate schools at the present level for the next two years. The levy will yield 4,986,664 dollars per year in addition to the present millage.

School superintendent Mark Freeman said, "It was due to the work of hundreds and hundreds of people; staff members, volunteers and members of the community."

Carol Lowenthal, deputy campaign manager of the Citizens Committee for the Shaker School Levy said, "We tried to do a very careful job of explaining why money was needed. People began to understand why the schools keep asking for more money."

Lowenthal attributes the passage of the school levy to the importance citizens place on education.

"Shaker citizens value education. Many move to Shaker for that reason."

She said that people observed the difficulty that neighboring communities had in passing their levies, and citizens realized that they needed to prevent the same outcome in the Shaker vote.

"By passing the levy, the voters of Shaker Heights expressed their desire to provide a quality education for the students in the city. I think it will be interesting to find out how quality education is defined these days by watching how the money is spent,' said math teacher Raymond Skitzki.

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Who's who in student council elections

CANDIDATES FOR CLASS OF '92

Lisa Pruett (president)— "As the president, I would direct us toward greater heights. I would not make shallow campaign promises which would not be carried out, but I will say this: Next year, under my leadership, our class will introduce a new tradition of activities spirit and fun at SHHS."

Tracey Gulce (vice president)— "I was vice president of the freshman class this year. I am intelligent. I am a good decision maker and I am creative. I also keep my promises. I can't promise to have pizza parties every week because it is not possible. What I can promise is to listen to your ideas."

Kathryn Schulz (vice president)— "The phrase vice president seems to conjure up images of cushy jobs, golf courses, and currently, Dan Quayle. This is not the image that the class of '92 can afford to meekly slide into. As a candidate for vice president, I will not make light promises nor will I make serious promises lightly. So let me make a serious comment seriously: I will do my best to make our class the finest ever to graduate from Shaker."

CANDIDATES FOR CLASS OF '91

Joshua Randall (president)— "It is important that we have strong leadership. I'll give you that leadership. We require unity, officers who represent the entire class, not just one faction, officers who can face the administration with the class's needs in mind— and meet those needs. When the class decides on something, it mustn't fall through because the president didn't carry the ball."

Herlinda Bradley (president)— "I have been an active member of student council for two years. I am also a SGORR member. I believe I am the most qualified to be junior class president. I am a good leader and a hard worker. I know how student council operates."

Meredith Lurner (vice president)— " As vice president I would try to bring as much financial aid to my class as possible. I have had three successful years in student council, two years on the basketball and track teams, I have been part of the a capella choir and an active member of SWAE. With all of this experience as being a part of a team I do know what unity means."

Bryce Dakin (vice president)— "I realize that since I am a relative newcomer to Shaker, many of you might not know me and you may wonder why you should vote for me. I could provide leadership, hard work and new ideas that will benefit our class. So remember, don't just go with the name that sounds familiar, make the wise choice and vote Bryce for vice."

Lisa Farmer (treasurer)— "I can serve you and our class the best because I am most qualified. I served as treasurer of my sixth grade class at Moreland school and I am presently treasurer of orchestra. I understand the job of treasurer. I will be reliable, responsible and ready for the duty."

Shana Litt (treasurer)— "It is clear to me that the class of '91 needs money. By the time we are seniors, we might not have enough money to fund our prom or even leave the school a gift to remind them of our class. We must act now! I can provide the leadership and the energy to save our class from economic disaster."

Lori Donaldson (secretary)— "For the past two years, I have been involved in many activities. Some are student council, SGORR, SWAE, band, choir and manager of the track team. These activities have made me a responsible and hard working person capable of the job of secretary."

Aisha Fraser (at-large representative)— "I have been involved in student council, cheerleading, orchestra, track, SWAE and SGORR. I think these activities serve as a good foundation of experiences that can be applied to the position of at-large representative. All these activities take determination, hard work, persistence and leadership, qualities that will help me."

Anitra Auster (representative at-large)— " Your ideas and thoughts are important to me; I want to make our junior year the best it can be. If you think of an activity that you'd like to do, I will do my best to plan it for you. A dance, a party or and assembly, it will be done, you will see. As for qualifications, I'm creative and responsible and do things on time, I'm active in school clubs, I get good grades, and I can even rhyme!"

CANDIDATES FOR CLASS OF '90

Ernest DeJesus (president), **Craig Melograno** (vice president), **Brendan Lawry** (treasurer)— "If it ain't broke, don't fix it. A simple enough statement, but one that we believe the class of 1990 should keep in mind. DeJesus is seeking his fourth term as your class president. Melagrano has been chairman of the board for two years and Lawry is seeking his third straight term as class treasurer. Throughout the past two years, these candidates have been the nucleus of your class government."

Nikki Neustadt (vice president)— " I should be vice president. I have unfinished business. As vice president of the class this year, I have participated in the planning and implementation of many successful endeavors. Our council has raised an excess of money. So, it is only right that I should be a member of the council that spends that hard earned money."

Vanessa Mullins (vice president)— "You have seen my name before as the winner of our ninth grade vice presidency and secretary of our sophomore class. After two years of experience in student council, I know what it takes to lead our class to an outstanding year of successful endeavors. It takes patience, time and energy."

Debbie Rosner (treasurer)— "So far we've had three years of almost nothing— no campaign promises kept and no junior class activities. Being treasurer of the junior class won't allow me to do everything, but I know that I'll be able to handle the finances well enough to allow us the best senior year possible for all of us."

Rebecca Baker (treasurer)— "Let Baker be your banker. I have the leadership and organizational skills that are necessary for the student council in our senior year. These skills were shown this spring when I organized the girls' lacrosse team and took financial responsibility for organizing fundraising, collecting money and purchasing equipment. I hope I can count on your support."

Tara Taylor (secretary)— "Being secretary takes organization, effort and experience. I'm willing to put myself behind each suggestion made by our class and I will try my best to fulfill all requests."

Craig MacIvor (at-large representative)— "Earlier this year, I was the assistant director for the theater department's production, "The King of Hearts," where I had a responsibility to the success of the participants. That production was a team effort, the quality of the production depended on each of the people involved. Likewise, the student council is a team that works for the benefit of each student. I want to be part of this team because I feel that I can make a difference in our senior year."

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Taylor expressed dissatisfaction with the need for levies to be repeatedly put on ballot.

"The Board agrees in that there must be a change in the way we fund schools," said Taylor.

"Unfortunately we have to be onthe ballot because of the archaic way Ohio schools are financed," said Freeman.

Property taxes on area homes and businesses are the primary sources of income for the district, according to Taylor. The 1988-89 budget report reveals that real estate taxes make up 70.6% of the General Fund Income.

Presently House Bill 920 stipulates that as property values increase, the district's revenues stay level. The cost of operation is continually rising due to inflation, but funds are remaining stable.

"We will continue to ask state legislators to do something about this need for us keep coming to the voters and to keep putting our levies on teh ballot," said Taylor.

Taylor said that there are three possible changes that could be made in order to expand resources. First, there could be a change in access to inside mileage which is not voted on by the people. Secondly, the school district could place a municipal income tax on the ballot. However, according to Taylor, the modification of House Bill 920 is the best solution to fiscal problems.

"If the bill were adjusted, it would allow the rate of school district revenues to be commensurate with inflation. If that were true, there would have been no need for a levy in the past 10 years," Taylor said.

Morton Glaser, leader of the campaign against the levy, GPAC, was unavailable for comment.

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View of North as hero is off mark

With the Iran-Contra hearings nearly two years past, the controversy over the National Security Council's illegal acquisition and diversion of funds had for the most part blown over. However the recent trial in which Oliver North was found guilty on three counts for his part in the affair, has revived much of the diverse opinion concerning his actions. One prevalent notion seems to be that North is a righteous martyr, a national hero.

This is most obviously a poor assessment of the reality of the affair and of North's role. No matter how noble the cause, one simply cannot take such political matters into one's own hands. This presents a threat to the vital system of "rules" within government.

Common compliance with the system of rules is what provides the essential organization and security of government. Rejection of personal limitations on the basis of subjective decision shakes this secure governmental structure and introduces a chaotic danger to the government and the nation.

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It is not only every man's responsibility to comply with the rules but to support the system surrounding the rules; not to allow oneself passively to become involved in a violation of the governmental system. The fact that North was not the only one involved and that he may not have supervised the affair himself does not excuse him and certainly does not make him a hero or a martyr.

Aside from the fact that North presented a threat to the governmental system, the cause for which he sacrificed the rules was neither morally noble nor practically sound. The Council's decision was obviously contradictory to the Reagan policy banning negotiation with terrorists. This contradiction of prior policy along with the supply of weapons to a nation notorious for engineering international terrorism is a sure set-back in the fight against terrorism, and a reversal of headway made by the Reagan Administration.

The illusion of Oliver North's patriotic heroism and righteousness must be dispelled if only to safeguard against such criminal endangerment of United States security from now on.

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TEENS DRINK IRRESPONSIBLY

To the Editor:

I am sometimes asked the question by students at Shaker, "Since it is legal for 18 year olds to drive, vote and be drafted, why is it not legal for them to drink alcohol until they are twenty-one?"

To be sure, selecting a particular age, within a certain span of years is an arbitrary act. Research suggests however, that such an age is, if anything, too young. The question that legislators attempt to answer in choosing a minimum

drinking age is: "At what age is a person likely to use alcohol in a responsible way?" There is overwhelming evidence that 15 to 25 year olds who use alcohol use it irresponsibly.

Per capita consumption of alcohol by individuals aged 15 to 25 is higher than for any other age group in this country. Also, people aged 15 to 25 drink until they are drunk 80 to 90 percent of the time that they drink at all. Drinking until drunk is probably a good definition for drinking irresponsibly.

Perhaps another acceptable definition of irresponsible drinking would be to drink in such a way as to endanger or damage other people or property. Again the 15 to 25 year old age group clearly meets the criteria of irresponsible drinkers. Although this group accounts for proportionally fewer miles driven per year than any other age group, they are involved in an unbelievable two-thirds of all drunk-driving traffic accidents.

Research has demonstrated a correlation between initiation of alcohol use at a young age and the likelihood of developing problematic drinking patterns in later life. The average age of first use of alcohol is under 13. This implies that drinking problems in the adult population are partially a result of using alcohol at a premature age.

The argument that lowering the legal minimum drinking age would result in more responsible use of alcohol by young people is fallacious. Experiments with low minimum drinking ages by Ohio and other states have had no affect on young people's drinking responsibility. The fact is that teenagers who drink do so irresponsibly and dangerously, and this country cannot afford to squander its most precious asset, our young people, on such a mindless activity as irresponsible drinking. It would be foolish for us to legally condone such a waste of human resources by lowering the minimum drinking age.

Sincerely,
Robert Annandale
Mental Health Coordinator

BLACK BLOCK-VOTING BAD

To the Editor,

The notion that all Blacks should be Democrats simply because their platform is generally more aligned with Black interests is an idea that many people believe, and with which I strongly disagree. When any major group of people routinely supports any political party, I believe that it is detrimental to that group's interests, and disrupts the democratic process. Each individual, regardless of race, ethnicity or religion, should carefully choose his candidate based upon the various ideals and proposals he represents, since individual candidates may have their own approach to particular problems which do not reflect a "party line."

As evidenced by the last two elections in

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which the Democratic Party received 90 percent of the total Black vote, the Democrats have routinely been assured Black support. Having such security is unfavorable for Blacks on the whole. Democratic candidates subsequently feel no need to make any major political campaign promises to Blacks. In an effort to encourage more conservatives to vote Democrat, Democratic candidates find it beneficial to ignore Black Americans while still being assured of the majority of Black votes.

The Republican treatment of the Black vote is equally unfavorable, since the Republicans have had little hope of winning a significant number of Black votes. When poll results suggested an attept to draw a substantial Black vote was futile, the Republican campaign dropped all pretense of courting Blacks. The Republicans see vying for the Black vote as a hopeless cause. Therefore, they see no possible benefits in making promises to the Blacks. This is especially disheartening to Blacks and their interests when one realizes that the Republican party has won the last three presidential elections by close to landslide margins. The party that seems to be in strict control of the White House has no reason to focus any energy on Blacks, solely because of the unfailing support of the Democrats.

When Blacks stop voting as a group and realize the detrimental effect it is causing, the Democrats will have to compete for the Black vote by increasing the quality of their representation of Blacks' needs. Similarly, realizing that they do have a chance at capturing significant black votes, the Republican candidates will also target programs to appeal to Black voters. Then, the democratic and political processes will be working as they should and Blacks will be part of mainstream politics.

Sincerely,
Louis Willacy
Senior

GUN CONTROL OFFENDS

To the Editor,

Many times I have felt neglected by the Shakerite. I participate in orchestra, cycling club and theatrical stage crafting and all have been grossly neglected by the Shakerite. I refuse to tolerate it any longer. Your article entitled "Background checks are well worth the wait," by self-proclaimed liberal Democrat Amy Rosewater infuriated me. Not only am I for the National Rifle Association, but how does an article of that nature have any business being published in the Shakerite? The Shakerite is a paper with the sole purpose of serving this school and the community's interests. An article of that nature has all the justification it needs to be published in a paper like "The New York Times" but definitely not in the Shakerite. The Shakerite spent almost one half of an entire page of the paper that could have been put to better use on coverage of school/community-related events.

Sincerely,
Todd Vogler
Junior

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School days wane, fatigue waxes

After a tiring year, another month is too much

PERSPECTIVE
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BY AUSTIN RATNER
Opinion Editor

Tired of over-excited seniors? Still upset because the Force has folded? Are you fat? Irritated and bewildered by Scottie Pippin's nose? Miss the Star Wars saga?

Well, unfortunately I have no solutions. It is this time of year when problems become particularly paralyzing—a time of transitional limbo, a state uncomfortably and indecisively hovering on the verge of change, but somehow unwilling to proceed. It seems as though school should be over, yet a month remains, a whole 12th of a year. And it seems as though nothing can be done. No action can be taken to speed up this viscous passage of time, can provide release from the clinging vestiges of a wearying year. I am tired, I'm ready for the summer, and still I am caught in this vicious year's unrelenting death throes.

Even the weather is hesitant to complete the transition to summer. This consistent cold and overcast sky is threatening to snuff out what endurance I have left.

But let's look on the bright side. The Indians are looking mediocre—come on, you've got to admit it. And ...

Well, we can still eat. Eating is a good thing, isn't it? Yes, I think that's the way to look at it, we've just got to reduce our expectations. And when you think about it, clothes are a really great thing. We've all got clothes no matter what, through thick and thin, we never have to walk around completely naked. And none of us have leprosy. Imagine not having any tactile sense and having pieces of our bodies falling off. None of your body parts are falling off right now are they? See, things are not so bad after all.

Hey—nobody ever said I was an optimist.

Bidding farewell to 1988-89 staff

Jackson as mayor could be solution to D.C. drugs

BY ANDREW JORGENSEN
Staff Reporter

Although he is considered one of the last fiery politicians in America, two-time presidential candidate Jesse Jackson has been criticized for his lack of experience in government. Jackson, perhaps seeking to convert his powerful rhetoric into results, has made public his interest in running for mayor of Washington D.C. next year, and should be encouraged to do so. Service as mayor in crime and drug-ridden Washington would provide Jackson and the rest of the United States with a proving ground for his ideas.

Washington faces one of the highest murder rates and one of the worst drug problems in the country. Current mayor Marion Barry has been unable to effectively deal with these issues. Barry's difficulties in controlling his own government stem partially from his possible involvement with a known cocaine dealer. His ineffectiveness is also reflected in his comment that it would be next to nothing without "all the murders," which was an attempt to rationalize away Washington's crime problem. Barry's continued service in Washington will almost assuredly be a disservice.

Jackson's election, which would be almost inevitable as he has won the last two Democratic presidential primaries there by a huge majority, would add spirit and determination to the fight against drugs. His oratory is often directed against drugs and for the need to fight them. Unfortunately, Jackson offers little in the way of specific methods of fighting the drug menace; his anti-drug speeches usually consist of rhymed aphorisms such as, "Fill your brains with hope, not your veins with dope."

SHAKERITE ARTWORK BY RICK SMITH

If Jackson were presented with a real drug problem on a scale with limited boundaries, however, such as there is in Washington, he might be able to develop his rhetoric into a solid program. Even a slight amount of progress would be an improvement for Washington, which has suffered under Barry's inactivity. Jackson at least has the desire for change. He should certainly be able to effect some improvement.

However, the situation does have its disadvantages. Washingtonians might resent being treated as "guinea pigs" for Jackson's untested ideas. Also, Jackson's popularity will stifle more-qualified, less-vocal local politicians from seeking the office. In addition, although Jackson lives in the district intermittently, and his eldest son went to high school there, he calls Chicago his "home," and some doubt his knowledge of the city. His proximity to the capitol may also encourage his tendency to "gadfly," forcing his way into international affairs. Still, the District should take its chances and elect Jackson, for the promise of solution alone is very seductive.

Jackson has said that he will not run if Barry, a long-time acquaintance of his, decides to seek reelection. Although Barry is being pressured not to enter the race, he has been notably stubborn in the past, and he may play up to type and enter the primary next summer. However, Jackson should not let this be a deterrent to him. As Barry's next term is likely to be as counterproductive as this one has been, Jackson should subordinate his personal feelings for the sake of Washington.

Journalist David S. Broder has said that having Jackson as Washington's mayor would benefit both Jackson and the Democratic party, as it would let the party unify behind a single traditionalist candidate, while letting Americans gauge Jackson's administrative skills. Last year's candidates, with the exception of self-destructive Gary Hart, tended to look weak next to the charismatic Jackson. Because Jackson would be serving as mayor, the Democrats would be able to nominate a candidate in the next election who would not be overshadowed by his presence, and Jackson would be able to place himself in the mainstream, as opposed to on the fringes where he has been in the past.

BY AMY ROSEWATER
Editor-in-Chief

The past year has been a year of growth, both for the staff and for me. It took a lot of adjusting and it took a lot of work to keep up a reputation that we had so recently attained. But, we struggled, we stayed up late, made friends with the janitors who work here at night, screamed at the Macintosh, endured numerous salt battles, grubbed on some cholesterol and we still had a good time and we are still alive.

This year, we covered topics ranging from affirmative action, to student parties, to tenure, to the levy and to the death of a fellow student. We won several awards this year—the Pacemaker, the Gold Crown Award and several individual awards. While we were praised for our efforts, but we also took our criticism gracefully. We asked students what could be improved on the paper, and we tried to suit the wants and needs of the students and teachers.

We added two pages about the election, which gave students a voice in what is often considered an adult topic. We created a spotlight page for reviews to keep up with student life. We ran a few pro-con pages with controversial issues. We also increased the number of reporters on our staff, which not only allowed us to share the wealth of work, but gave us a broader idea of students at Shaker.

I am proud of this year's staff and wish Caryn, Kristin, John and Matt the best of luck at college next year. I look forward to reading next year's issues and wish Josh and Sarah good luck as well.

We've endured a lot, but through it all, I can still smile.

BABY YOU CAN DRIVE MY CAR

Experience teaches teen drivers

BY SARAH DAVIS
Centerpiece Editor

Driving—the freshman's dream.

Being able to drive is a necessity for some students, who need to travel to work. For others, driving can be a status symbol.

The advantages of driving are balanced by a long list of warning signs. There are the obvious costs (like gas and insurance), plus potential fines for speeding and traffic violations.

"I have no problem with kids driving," said Detective Tim Reed, who is assigned to Shaker Heights police force's juvenile division, "but kids here have to realize the responsibility of driving cars. All the movies and stories that they see in driving class are true. It is important to remember that stuff when driving."

According to Reed, whether a student receives driving instruction through the high school or a private company, the movies and material are the same.

Some students drive before they have received proper instruction. If caught, they can be denied the right to their driver's license until the age of 18.

Before senior Heather Stevens had her license, she tried to back out of the driveway for her parents.

"It is really embarrassing," Stevens said, "because no one believes me. I backed out and the pedal stuck, so I smashed into the gutter which dented in strange ways, and dented the house's aluminum siding."

Some unlicensed drivers move beyond the driveway, and serious accidents can occur. Security officer Nancy Johnston's father was killed by an unlicensed driver.

"She was driving at excessive speed and my dad was in the street. She had to live with the fact that she killed the father of seven young kids, which is pretty heavy stuff," said Johnston.

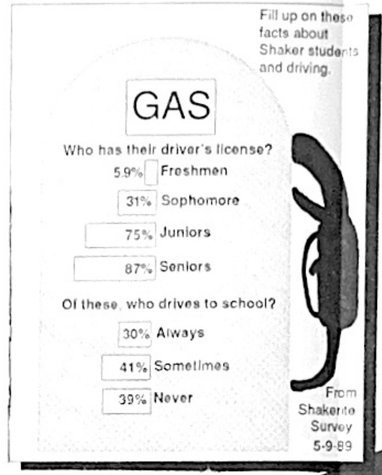
Johnston added, "When I stop kids flying around the oval, I am protecting innocent bystanders."

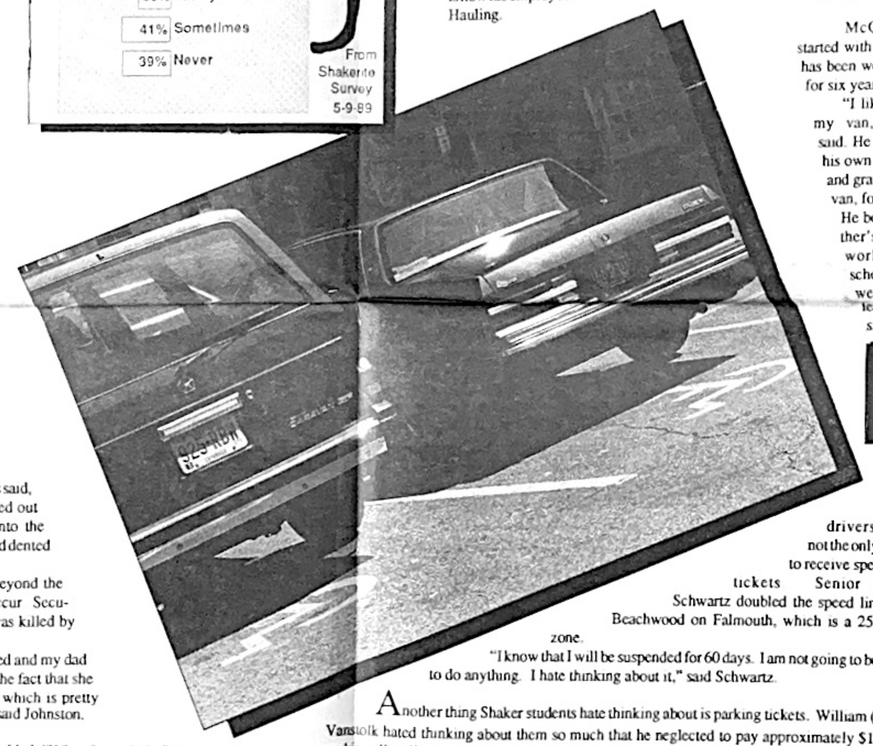
Some students need a more forceful reminder to abide by the speed limits.

"[Being ticketed] gets it out of your system. The first weeks, I was doing 75 on South Woodland. All of a sudden, I got a ticket, and now I go really slow," said sophomore Stuart Laven.

Laven had had his license for three weeks when he was first ticketed. He had been driving 52 mph in a 35 mph zone on Green Road in University Heights.

"You and your old man have to go to juvenile court," Laven said of his experience. "You go into this room—the referee's office—and he tells you the charges. 'You can plead guilty or innocent. If you plead innocent, you will receive a full trial.' I pleaded guilty, which meant a $20 fine plus $30 in court costs."





New drivers are not the only ones to receive speeding tickets. Senior Neal Schwartz doubled the speed limit in Beachwood on Falmouth, which is a 25 mph zone.

"I know that I will be suspended for 60 days. I am not going to be able to do anything. I hate thinking about it," said Schwartz.

Another thing Shaker students hate thinking about is parking tickets. William (Pim) Vanstolk hated thinking about them so much that he neglected to pay approximately $150 for parking illegally around the oval, usually too close to the Onaway entrance of the teacher's parking lot. A tire-lock was placed on Vanstolk's car on Tuesday, May 9.

"I had to borrow the money from a teacher to pay the court off," said Vanstolk. Once the fines were paid, the tire lock was removed.

"I was ignoring the problem. I forgot about it. I would throw the tickets in my car, saying that I would pay it later. I would never pay it," Vanstolk said.

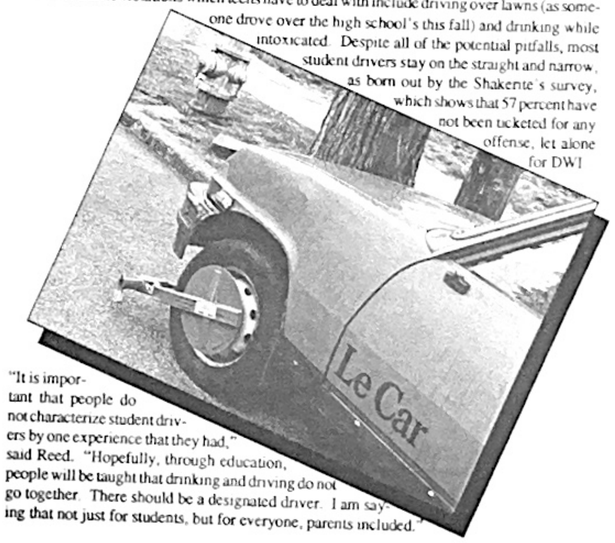
According to Reed, the Shaker Heights police force is aware that there is a parking problem around the high school, and he suggests that students carpool to alleviate the congestion. The restrictions on parking, he said, are at the request of the residents.

"It is not like the police have nothing else to do," Reed said. "There are plenty of places we would rather be, but we get complaints from residents and have to give tickets."

Diana Vaughn, a homeowner who lives across from the high school, thinks that the students have a right to park around the oval.

"It is nice in the summer when they are not there, but it is not fair to make them go anywhere else. I know that sometimes students park in the faculty parking lot," Vaughn said.

Other traffic violations which teens have to deal with include driving over lawns (as someone drove over the high school's this fall) and drinking while intoxicated. Despite all of the potential pitfalls, most student drivers stay on the straight and narrow, as born out by the Shakerite's survey, which shows that 57 percent have not been ticketed for any offense, let alone for DWI.



"It is important that people do not characterize student drivers by one experience that they had," said Reed. "Hopefully, through education, people will be taught that drinking and driving do not go together. There should be a designated driver. I am saying that not just for students, but for everyone, parents included."

Make your own

Students devote hours to cars

BY MOLLY SHAFER
Staff Reporter

Stranded in the dark, you look at your car, which has just broken down. It is 11:30 and your curfew is midnight. Home is 10 miles away.

You open the hood and have no idea where to begin looking for the problem. Maybe you should call senior Bruce McQuillen or junior Stuart Soltau.

McQuillen and Soltau are seasoned mechanics whose love of cars is clearly seen through their devotion to their vehicles.

Soltau started working at the tender age of six with his father, a professional mechanic.

"He was working under the car and he showed me the transmission. I became really interested," Soltau said.

Soltau continued his apprenticeship with his father and is now his employee at the garage of Frato Rubbish Hauling.

McQuillen also started with his father and has been working on cars for six years.

"I like to work on my van," McQuillen said. He has worked on his own car, a maroon and gray 1978 Dodge van, for three years.

He began at his father's tire store, working after school and on the weekends, and learned the basics from the mechanics there.

Soltau and McQuillen's hobby is beneficial to their wallets. Because of their talents, they save on car repair and tune-ups.

"I work at a Goodyear store," said McQuillen, "so I get parts for less plus I save a lot on labor."

When it comes to the rates mechanics charge, Soltau thinks that the consumer has to pay too much for too little.

"Some places charge you $40 to only change a headlight when in reality it takes five minutes," Soltau said.

Both Soltau and McQuillen enjoy working on cars and Soltau plans to develop his talents into a career.

"I am going to be a diesel engineer," Soltau said.

"Some places charge you $40 to only change a headlight when in reality it takes five minutes." —STUART SOLTAU

Unlike Soltau, McQuillen has no plans on a career with cars.

"I just do it as a hobby. It's not what I want to do when I grow up," McQuillen said.

These teenage mechanics are using their talents for profit. Their love of cars keeps them working and their cars running.

OIL CRISIS. A student checks the oil in a friend's car. The oil should be checked once a month, or whenever the "oil" button lights up on the dashboard. If the car does not have a sufficient supply of oil, the transmission can lock up. PHOTO BY EVAN WEINSTEIN

PARK IT. *Center* Once again, non-handicapped individuals park in Shaker's reserved spaces. To discourage illegal parking, the mayor of Bay Village painted his city's handicapped spaces blue. **STOPPED IN HIS TRACKS.** *Bottom Right* A tire lock held up William (Pim) Vanstolk on Tuesday, May 9. He had to pay $150 to have it removed. Tire locks are only placed on cars when the owner has outstanding (unpaid)parking tickets. PHOTOS BY EVAN WEINSTEIN

More than heated weather this summer

Summer flicks heat up screen

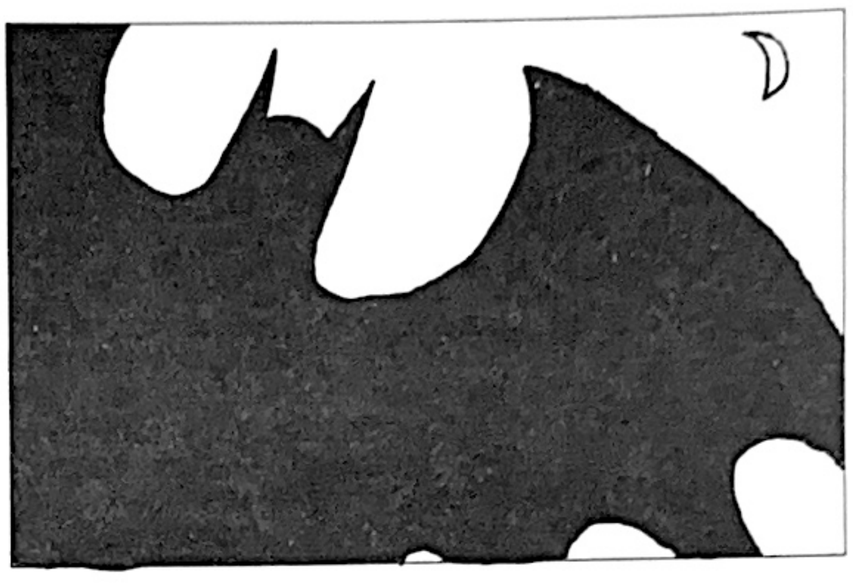
BY JOSH LEVY
Front Page Editor

Even with another torrid summer expected, the weather is not going to be sunny 100 percent of the time. Fortunately, there will be a remedy for one's rainy summertime blues–the movies.

The menu of summer flicks is outstanding for 1989. If comedy and adventure wet your cinematic appetite, skip the beaches and lie out in the movie theatres. From comic books to long awaited sequels there is a movie for every teenager this summer.

Hitting the screen Wednesday will be yet another blockbuster from the motion picture geniuses of George Lucas and Stephen Speilberg. Continuing the "Raiders of the Lost Arc" tradition is "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade," starring Harrison Ford and Sean Connery. Just imagine Han Solo and James Bond in the same movie. However, "The Last Crusade" is Ford's last appearance as Indiana Jones. River Phoenix will hold the lead role in the future Indiana Jones films. It is doubtful the "Raiders" movies will be entertaining without Ford's sarcastic grin, so enjoy "The Last Crusade."

Don't fret, though . After being dragged around the desert with Indy, witness the dawning of Batman's new image on screen. No longer will the caped crusader be seen as a jovial kid's hero. He will now be portrayed as the "Black Knight," a morbid, neurotic crime fighter. "Batman" will star Michael Keaton as Batman and Jack Nicholson as the Joker. Although this sounds like a cast of comedians, by no means is this film a comedy. The director's intention is to alter the "campy" 1960s image of Batman to the more grim one depicted in the comic books.



If you are still looking for humor, however, go ahead and call Ghostbustors. "Ghostbusters II," the sequel to one of the funniest movies of the decade, is sliming the theatres this summer. Bill Murray, Dan Akroyd and Harold Ramis will be back to cross the streams of their nuclear accelerators and rid the world of its spectres and spooks. In addition, Sigourney Weaver will return from within the mist as the female lead. It is questionable whether this cast will be able to top their performance in "Ghostbusters," but the potential is certainly there. This is a must see movie.

So sit back, relax and enjoy the shows this summer. In the words of Indiana Jones: "Trust me."

Renting 'oldies, but goodies'

BY SHERI SPITZ
Staff Reporter

Some of my worst Friday evenings have been spent in a video store with several friends who each want a different movie. No one can decide what movie they want and no one wants to compromise. The end result is that out of sheer frustration someone grabs a movie that nobody wanted in the first place and three people already have already seen.

Often times, an old movie that no one had watched in a long time, would solve the dilemma quite nicely. However, it's been so long since anyone watched one of these 'classics,' no one remembers that they exist. So here are a few of these 'old-timers' along with some reviews to help you solve those Friday night blues.

Comedy—"Animal House"

This movie defines the cliche 'oldie but goodie.' John Belushi is hilarious as the overweight, head-smashin' beer bellied college rebel. And he is only part of the fun. It is the story of a college fraternity whose members go out of their way to break every campus rule. Between the rush party, the toga party and the road trip, *Animal House never has a dull moment. There are hilarious lines, hilarious scenes and good music.* To spice up any dull evening, or maybe just to add color to a night with dull company, Animal House is a good choice.

Drama—"The Outsiders"

If the temptation of the outstanding young cast isn't enough to draw you to see this movie, the plot and characterizations, should. The film, based on the novel by S.E. Hinton is about a group of greasers who have grown up knowing only hardship and hate. These teenage boys struggle to stand up to society as well as themselves and the viewer finds himself caught up in both the pain and victory of each character. Although the scenes tend to jump around a bit, the Outsiders is a film one can get involved in and certainly enjoy.

Horror—"The Shining"

The cover on the video jacket with Jack Nicholson staring out at you viciously while wearing an evil grin, says it all. From beginning to end, The Shining will have you at the edge of your seat, peeking out from the edge of your protective blanket. Based on the novel by Stephen King, the film centers around a caretaker, his wife and son, and a possessed hotel called The Overlook. Where Animal House will make you laugh, and The Outsiders will make you cry, The Shining will make you scream; but think of the fun you'll have doing it.

Brethren: Nothing to lose

Student band will rely on musical talent

BY RYAN HIGGINS
Staff Reporter

In February of 1988, seniors Lee Diamond and Andy Rice, and 1988 graduate Dave Schneider met as friends at a local party. The three of them formed what Diamond called a "joke band," with Diamond on drums, and Rice and Schneider on guitars.

Nine months later, Schneider switched to bass guitar, and the band began seriously considering their futures.

In another four months, Brethren had written enough material to start recording. On March 4, they spent 12 hours recording at Clockwerke Sound Studios, in Rocky River. After two more visits to the studio, the demo tape, titled "Signs of the Affliction," was completed. They ended up about 100 percent over budget, but were impressed and satisfied with the end result.

Diamond, who played drums and performed the vocals on the demo, writes all the lyrics for the band. They are generally based on oppression and destruction, common themes in heavy metal music.

"I have tons of poetry and lyrics strewn about my house," said Diamond. "A lot of them are on morbid themes. I think that's just an interesting subject to write on."

As for the music, Brethren has proven itself to be perhaps the most talented band not just coming out of Shaker, but in the entire Cleveland area. They play a strong, aggressive style of metal, and their raw talent is evident to any metal enthusiast.

"Bane and Ecstasy," the second song from the demo, displays the band's genius in all musical aspects. From the heavy guitar and drum solos, to Rice's soft acoustic solo, it is obvious that Brethren has both the potential and the ability to crack the national metal scene.

The group has been toying with the idea of a fourth member, to play the part of a lead singer. They have recently been working with a local vocalist, in hopes of improving the band.

"It's so hard to find a good front man like that," said Rice. "We're just getting along on what we've got right now."

With the unexpected success of the demo, Brethren has finalized plans to move to San Fransisco.

"Cleveland's kind of a dead-end city for a lot of things," said Diamond. "We think it's time to spark out, get some different exposure to different places."

"San Fransisco is the most happening place for bands. There seems to be a better crowd for it," added Rice.

Sometime during the summer, the band will pack up and head west, with no expectations despite high aspirations.

"We're just going to go out there and see what happens," said Diamond.

For now, none of the band members are planning to attend college.

"The band is my first priority," said Rice. "If it doesn't work out , college will be something to fall back on."

With high hopes and aspirations, and the use of their abundant talent, as Schneider stated, Brethren has the chance "to become the most popular band in the world."

SHAKERITE ARTWORK BY COLEMAN BURDITT

A day in the life of room 110

BY JEREMY KAHN AND MARSHALL LEVIN
Staff Reporters

Tucked away in a remote corner of the school, just south of the library, is an office of legend, an office of myth, an office of final judgement...it is room 110, the office of Unit Principals. Welcome to the world of the pathological class-cutter, the wasteland of tardiness and truancy, the abyss of attendance. The bureaucracy of work permit request forms, lost item reports, hall passes and detention slips flourish here. But what really happens behind closed doors? Spend a day in the life of room 110.

At 7:30 a.m. the unit principals arrive at school. From this point on, the telephones ring off their respective hooks with absence excuses. Most are parents calling in to excuse their children due to illness. However, some calls are less credible.

"If a student calls and tries to excuse himself, then we give him a chance to hang up. But sometimes that doesn't work, and then he's in trouble," secretary Valerie Benson said.

As the number of attendance calls diminishes, the principals focus on teacher recommended referrals. Most are familiar with the routine requisition of students by means of the dreaded "black spot," the yellow referral slip.

"[When I request a student] I try to help that student with his options; I am guiding that student...I am concerned with how one develops his skills in maturing," said Desadre Lawson, unit principal for the class of 1992.

Students, however, take a more negative view of this experience. One student seemed displeased with the outcome of this "positive" conference.

"I'm usually down here to talk to Mrs. Lawson for cutting 10th period math. I don't mind going to Saturday school, but I don't want in-school suspension. This is not a good punishment; I should make up the time with the given teacher after school," said freshman Kenyon Ward.

The secretaries, however, seem to notice more positive aspects of the meetings.

"Kids have turned it into a negative place, but it's really the only place kids can come to work their problems out. I don't see how [their coming in] is negative; it is positive," said Benson.

Once the slew of referrals has been dealt with, the aromatic odor of the cafeteria entices the unit principals to patrol the lunchroom proceedings. While their presence in the lunchroom may deter conflicts, their absence in room 110 frustrates some busy students whose only opportunity to meet with principals is during their lunch period.

In addition to spending time supervising the lunchroom, the unit principals also have numerous conferences to attend to.

"A lot of times parents just roll in off the street and want to see a unit principal. Then we have to fit them in and talk with them," said class of 1990 unit principal Richard Vlah.

The afternoon is also a time for voluntary conferences for those with troubled consciences or bones to pick with the administration.

"No one is ever here; I feel it is a waste of my time to chase after these principals and to correct teachers' negligence," said senior Sara Corprew, desperately attempting to correct her attendance record in order to qualify for senior project. She eventually met with unit principal Isaac Smith to discuss her concerns.

Others have less pressing matters to attend to.

"The only reason I come here is to get a pass and to see Mrs. Benson," said junior Jacquela Linch, who often visits 110 on her own during the afternoon.

Amid the logistical nightmares of the afternoon, unit principals still find time for teacher evaluations, informal suspension hearings and staffings.

Weary and worn from the day's challenges, the unit principals responsibility is not complete. He must still endure a band concert, awards ceremony or other evening program before trudging home with enough energy to start the next day.

Benson attempted to summarize the purpose of the office and those who work there.

"[We] talk to parents], process all the rotten information, aid teachers with class problems and redirect people who have been sent here mistakenly."

This is a day in the life of room 110.

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Disaster dates..

Could yours win a prize?

BY CARYN MARKUS
Feature Editor

Did you ever go on a date that was so embarrassing, so repulsive, so memorably revolting that you felt that one day—and you didn't know how or when—you should win a valuable prize for just having survived it? Well here is your opportunity...

These are the words of a March 1989 article in the Cleveland Edition introducing a most terrible date contest. The article explained that anything goes, from embarrassing to downright disgusting, as long as you wrote in and described the gory details of your awful date, they would include it in the judging process. There were prizes too. Aside from having the ultimate thrill of seeing your name in print under your humiliating story, you could also win a dinner for two at one of Cleveland's finest restaurants (note the convenient omission of the name of this fine restaurant) plus some movie tickets.

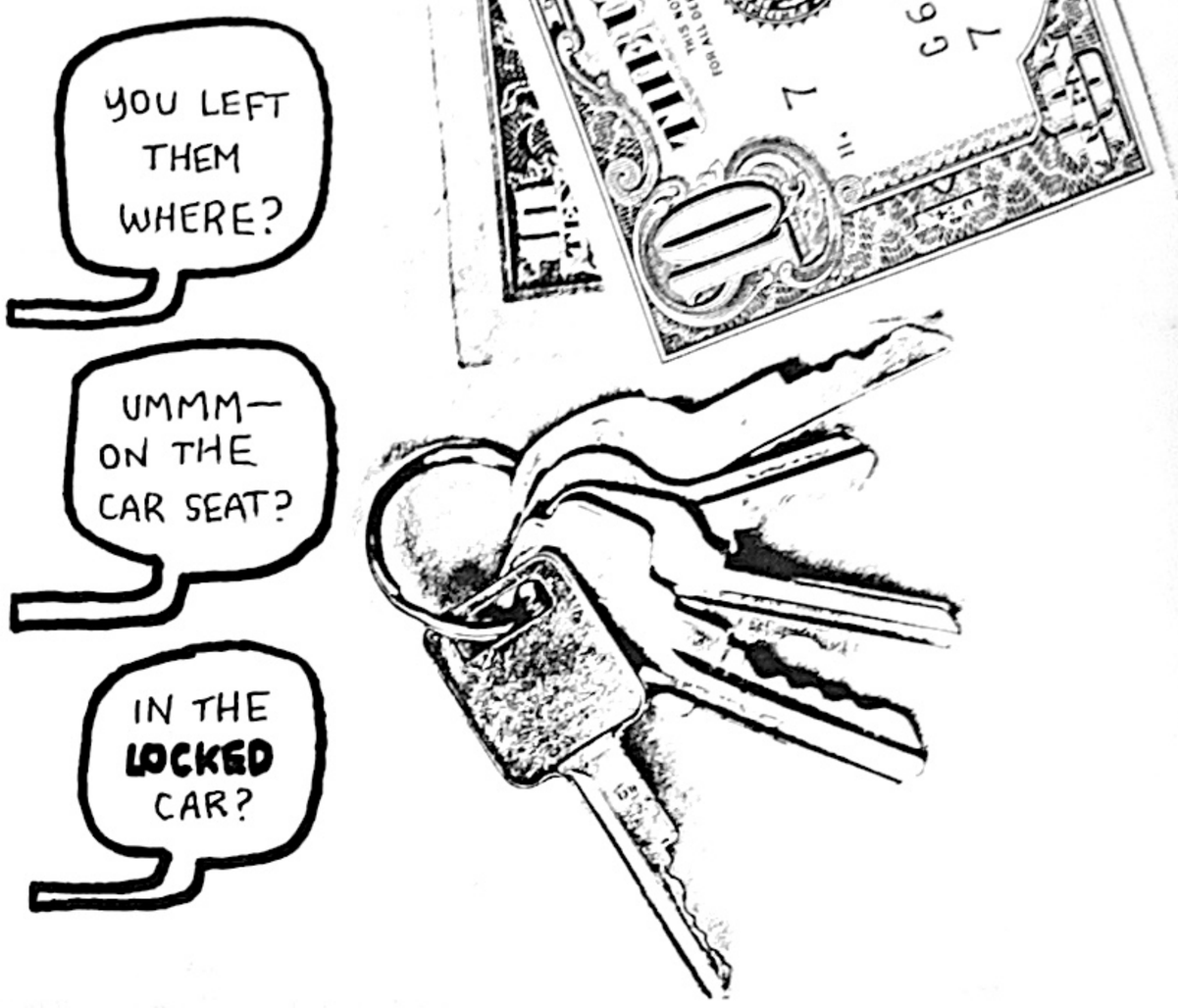
The idea was originated by the Seattle Post-Intelligencer magazine, whose winner experience involved an evening at the drive-in and a date who got sick not only in her date's new car, but on her date as well.

After reading this article and considering the diversity in types of people at this school, we on the Shakerite staff decided there must be numerous awful-date scenarios just waiting to be remembered and retold. Lacking the funds for a free dinner or movie tickets, I set out anyway in search of the best Shaker date-from-hell experiences.

Oh, and the stories I heard...they were endless. Unfortunately we do not have space enough to fit them all, nor do we have courage enough to put some of these stories in print. Many of the victims of these hell date situations also refused to have their names published. But overcoming these obstacles, here is a sampling of some of the better (or should we say worst) awful date stories.

"I was invited to her house for dinner and to meet her parents for the first time. Everything was going fine. We started talking about car dealers or companies or something , and I started completely cracking on Yugos and Yugoslavia. I ragged on the country for like three minutes. When I was done her dad quietly informed me that he was born in Yugoslavia. He was so pissed, even now he still holds a grudge." —male senior.

"We went on this triple date— my two best friends, their boyfriends, and the guys' other good friends. I didn't want to go from the beginning, but I had lost a bet with one of my friends, and this date was the pay-off. Anyway, we went to some party and I knew absolutely no one. Both my friends and their respective boyfriends disappeared upstairs, so I was left alone with this guy. Actually, I was really just left alone. He knew other people there, and went off with them. I wound up in a small, dark room at the end of the house, playing with the owner's old, blind dog. And even the dog left me. After what seemed like days (actually I think I fell asleep) everyone was ready to go home. My friends and their boyfriends wanted to all go to one of their houses to watch a movie. I said I had a curfew, so we dropped them off. On the way to my house my date saw one of his friends sitting on the sidewalk. We stopped. The guy was so drunk he couldn't move, so both of us had to help him into the car. I had to sit in the back seat with this kid lying in my lap, groaning. When I finally got home I realized I had forgotten my keys. I had to wake up my parents, and they were really mad. But that was probably the best thing that had happened all night." —female junior.



"I was engaged to a girl who had a bad temper. When it was apparent that marrying this girl would be to commit a major mistake, I broke the engagement. A month or so later she came to the school where I was teaching and produced acts of violence comparable to "Fatal Attraction." My tie was cut off with a scisssors, my face was scratched with a finger nail file and a handful of my hair was pulled from my head. Ignorantly, I agreed to take her to her car if she would put her purse and coat in the trunk of mine. As I raised the trunk lid, I saw the flash of scissors directed toward my neck. When I got her hand down and the scissors out of her reach, she asked if we would still see each other. My response was not unless we both end up in Hell." —male teacher.

♂♀ Sexism attacks both sexes

Discrimination is not reserved for females, males get it too

BY LINDSEY KLINE
Staff Reporter

Women may laugh at a card that says, "If men are God's gift to women, then God must really love gag gifts," or at notepaper that says "Men have only two faults: Everything they say and everything they do."

But men are not amused, said San Diego area psychotherapist Warren Farrell. This new form of sexism is called "new or reverse sexism." And it is prevalent not only in products such as these, but in ads like the Calvin Klein jeans commercial, where men are portrayed as mere sex objects. Some students believe this phenomenon has also spread to the schools.

"There was this girl with a black hat in the library. If I have to take my hat off, why can she sit with her hat on?" questioned senior Jeremy Marks.

Many people think that one reason why men are being made fun of by females is because men tend to be closed and not expressive of their emotions, said Ann Butles of the Pittsburgh Press.

According to an article from the Pittsburgh Press, men learn to be "closed" because of childhood indoctrination, the culture of manhood, the fear of dependence, ungiving fathers as role models, unfullfilling friendships and the language men and women speak. The article also stated that most men fear intimacy but want desperately to build an emotional bridge with another person.

"Boys are treated very differently than girls. They're expected to compete and win, to be dominant and controlling," said Bob Morgan, co-founder of the Pittsburgh Men's Collective, and a member of the national organization for men.

"The Men's Collective is a group in which anti-sexist, pro-feminist males try to improve their relationships with men and women," said Morgan.

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Although there are not as many male liberation groups as female liberation groups, there seems to be enough male sexism for it to affect many men. A lot of people in this school feel that when a boy and a girl get in trouble, the girl will get the lighter punishment.

"Judges in juvenile courts will usually give a girl another chance or a lighter punishment," said principal Jack Rumbaugh.

Social studies teacher Jerry Graham will also testify to the male discrimination in the federal supreme court. He says that documented facts have proven that an enormous proportion of males, especially black males, receive the death sentence rather than females.

Chemistry teacher Louisa Starr feels that male sexism is everywhere in our society.

"It's a backlash from the male chauvinism of earlier years," she said.

Even though more and more men are taking an interest in the men's movement, many women still feel that it is a man's world out there.

"I think we live in a male dominated society. However, women have a better chance now than they ever did before," said German teacher Lynda Mayer.

According to an article from Daily Breeze, some of the topics discussed by the men's movement are improving health care for men, increasing rights for fathers both inside and outside the courtroom and bettering communication between the sexes.

"Looking towards the future, junior Bill DeMarco said, "I think that we should forget all past stereotypes and work from nothing so that we can treat each other as equals."

Ballpark prices 'sore' sky-high

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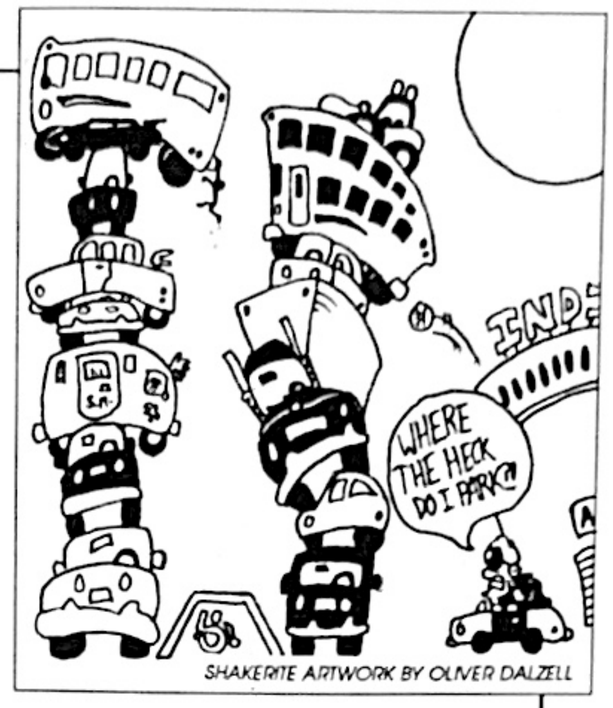


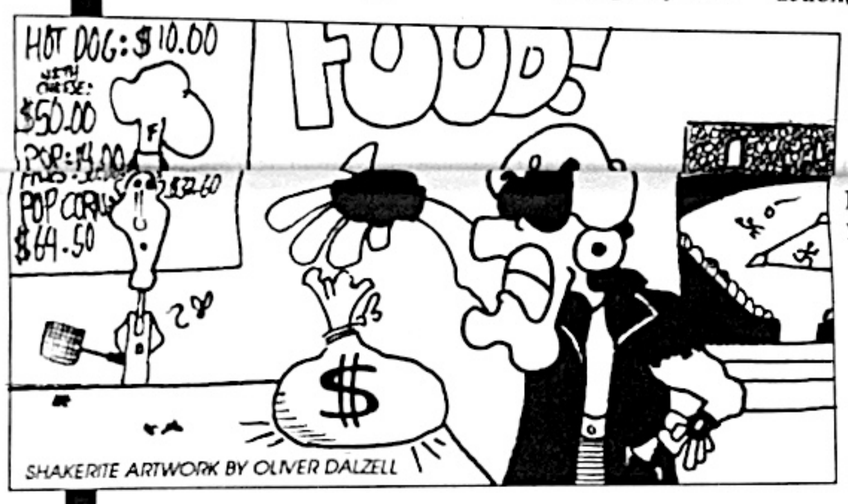
BY JOHN-PHILLIP NEILL
Sports Editor

On a Saturday afternoon, a few friends and I used to head down to the Stadium, get out under the sun and watch nine innings of baseball with a couple hot dogs and a coke. It was an American tradition and better yet, it didn't cost more than a few dollars.

Well these days, it's still an American tradition, but it certainly isn't cheap any longer. With the recent price increases in concessions, a trip to the ballpark with a few things to eat can run you upwards of $15, and those kind of prices will discourage even the true blue Indians fans.

If you have not been down to the stadium recently to witness the sobering price increases, I'll give you an idea of what I'm talking about. A regular hot dog costs $1.50; $2.50 for a 12-inch, and if you want to want to wash that down with a soft drink it will cost you $1 (twice the price you would pay outside the gates). A one-third pound hamburger costs $2.75, and the little things like nachos and pretzels are a mere $2.75 and $1.60, respectively.

Municipal Stadium is not the only place you're going to pay through the nose to see a sporting event. Down at Richfield Coliseum, the consession prices are in the same range as at the Stadium, while those trying to park fall victim to highway robbery. It costs $5 to put your car in their one and only lot, and the real fun begins when you try to leave. If you want to see some real action, drive out to the Coliseum *after* a game and watch thousands of cars try to plow out an exit the width of my driveway. It's almost as violent as a good hockey game.



So maybe some of you are saying, "Fine. I'll just take a bus out to Richfield and not buy pay more for just sitting in the building, because prices are going to be raised for Cavalier tickets as of next year.

If private industries were given the opportunity to sell food at ball games, the competition would bring about lower prices, greater quality and variety of foods. Not only that, but larger crowds might be seen if people were not discouraged by the fear of costly family outings.

Raider softball squad's season dampened

BY BRANDON COLLIER AND STEVE LEE
Staff Reporters

"Please excuse this interruption: the girls' softball game scheduled for today has been canceled."

After hearing this announcement every day, one would wonder if the softball team has had any season at all. The fact is that the team has compiled a 5-11 record and is 4-3 in LEL play, having defeated Parma twice, Shaw and Valley Forge.

The softball team is coached by rookie Paul Richards, an art teacher at the middle school.

According to Richards, the season has been "about as good as the weather."

Richards attributes the team's disappointing season to the inclimate weather as well as to the fact that the team is "young."

This year's squad is the youngest Shaker has had in years, with Vilinda Dickerson and Ruth White being the only seniors in the starting lineup.

White, a pitcher, left the lineup early in the year with a dislocated shoulder.

Junior Emily Dawson has pitched every game since, with little help from the bullpen.

Junior Eliana LeVine, a catcher, said, "We have a very young team. It's not that we lack playing experience, but there is a lot of getting used to with the absence of many graduated seniors and the addition of a rookie coach."

According to LeVine, the team lacks consistency.

"Our defense alternates between swiss cheese and the U.S. defensive system. We have an excellent offense."

Despite this season's shortcomings, Shaker can look forward to a talented team in the years to come.

Outfielder Wandy Wyley and infielder Maggie Manning, both freshmen, are having stellar years at the plate.

Other starters are juniors Marisa Dolinsky and Nikki Neustadt, sophomores Stacy Heiman and Heather McDonald, and freshman Lynn Greenberg.

The softball team has had its share of obstacles to overcome, including the lack of a regular playing field. As a result, the squad has had a less than perfect season.

But one thing is certain — Shaker can expect to see a vengeful softball juggernaut in the years to come.

Die hard Indian fans stick with Tribe for yet another season

COMMENTARY

BY BRIAN RESNIK
Staff Reporter

Come all ye faithful.

With a record of 637-760 in the 1980's through last season, the faithful are about the only people that the Cleveland Indians can count on coming. Not since the 1959 club finished in second place has a Tribe squad ended the season higher than third place in the standings. It has been 35 years since the mighty Indians dominated the league in 1954, only to be shut out by the New York Giants in the World Series.

Despite the hapless Tribe's habit for losing over the past years, there remain a select few who are constant supporters. One might ask, "Why bother going when they're probably going to lose?" There are several reasons. One major reason is the low cost. A pair of rapid tickets can be had for a buck a piece. That fee covers all transportation costs. If you look young enough to pass for 14, a child's general admission ticket can be purchased for a mere three dollars. Thus, an evening of entertainment costs only $3.50 per person.

A second reason for going is that despite their losing tradition, the whimpering wahoos have still managed to post a .456 winning percentage this decade. So statistically, if you go to five games, the Indians will win 2.28 of them.

"One reason for going [to the games] is that you never know what you're going to see," said one fan. "Last year I almost saw them no-hit twice, and [fall victim to a] perfect game once."

Some fans head down to the stadium early in order to arrive when the gates open. While these loyal fans do get rewarded with front row seats, if they are in the grandstand, there is one posing question — what to do for the three hours before the game starts.

"It's easy," said another member of the Tribe faithful. "We harass the opposing players as they take outfield practice."

For fans sitting in the first few rows, the real fun begins when the visiting team's outfielders take their positions. The outfielders are then bombarded with an array of verbal abuse, with the topics ranging from a recent slump to past drug habits and spouses.

According to several fans, Ricky Henderson of the Yankees and Bo Jackson of the Royals are the most fun to attack.

"They'll say '[expletive] you,' or [make lude gestures to the crowd]," said a regular member of the front row crowd.

Yes, Cleveland Stadium is certainly the family place to be.

There are yet more reasons to attend a Tribe game. Although they more than often are outscored by their opponents, there have been some bright spots. On May 15, 1981, Len Barker (remember him?) became only the 12th player in baseball history to toss a perfect game. And who can forget Joe Charboneau, the Rookie of the Year for 1980? More recently, Joe Carter was a 30-30 man in 1987 and almost repeated the performance in 1988 while reliever Doug Jones posted amazing statistics in the save column last year. Yes, they do have their moments.

Perhaps some day, the Tribe will be in the ninth inning of the seventh game of the World Series. The bases will be loaded with two outs, the Indians down by a run. But there will be no joy in Cleveland, for someone shall surely strike out. (On three bad pitches.)

Boys lacrosse, girls' track relays strive for shot at state tournaments

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SECOND YEAR SQUAD

Established as a senior project last year, the boys' lacrosse team achieved a 4-3 record overall. Coaches Scott Hicks and Jim Warren both play for Cleveland Lacrosse, a professional league team.

The approximately 30 member Raider squad beat St. Ignatius, Wooster, University School and Walsh.

Senior captains Pat Roberts and Jeremy Marks plan to continue playing lacrosse at college. Roberts will play for Brown and Marks at Ohio State University. Senior Chris Bragg will play for Wittenberg's lacrosse team. The team practices as often as it can at Woodbury's field.

The team will compete in a state tournament at Worthington May 27.

STICKING TO GOALS

The growing girls' lacrosse squad rectified their sour 1-4-1 record by dominating the South Valley Tournament. The lady Red Raiders were not scored upon during the tournament, and poured in 16 goals.

The girls hope to make girls' lacrosse a varsity sport at Shaker next spring. Along with becoming a varsity sport, the lady Red Raiders expect to begin a girls' lacrosse team at the middle school.

"This sport grows on experience," girls' lacrosse team captain junior Rebecca Baker said. "And we need the experience."

The girls' victory came against Laurel. They have one more game in the season.

COOLING OFF

[illegible] sun slowly fade away, so do their hopes at an LEL title. After a blazing start, the team has stumbled to a 10-6 record, with a 5-2 showing in the league.

The squad still has a shot at the championship, however. Both their losses in the league came to Lakewood, but Lakewood lost two to Parma, who the Raiders defeated. Sounds complicated, but what it all boils down to is they still control their own fate.

Junior centerfielder Sean Mee said, "Basically, we are in a slump, but I think we will pull together."

Their only tournament play was at the Brush Tournament where they finished in second place, losing to Brush in the final round.

On May 9th, the team destroyed Rhodes 18-0 in three innings, which advanced them to the district tournament.

SLIM SHOT AT STATES

When girls' track coach Henry Woodard says this year's team is thin, he is not just talking about the girl's weights.

The girls have finished their dual meets with a record of 3-3 in the LEL by losing to Cleveland Heights, Parma and Normandy. Looking at the team's record, which is the worst in four years, it would appear the lady Raiders have a tough road ahead, especially at districts. But team members do not believe this to be true.

The 1600m. relay consisting of senior Alison Ailer, junior Stacy Schlein, senior Dana Young and sophomore Sonya Traylor, and the 3200m. relay with sophomore Leslie Rosewater, Ailer, Young and Schlein all have a shot at states, as do several individuals, according to Woodard.

So far the team has had its best showing in the Ranger Relays at Eastlake North where the 1600m. and 3200m. relays both placed third, giving both relays Traylor placed in the 400m., as did the 800m. relay of Stephanie Brown, Jackie Bridges, Young and Traylor.

STRONG SEASON

Once again the boy's track team has ended their regular season with a record of 7-1 overall and 5-1 in the LEL.

Its only loss resulted from the May 2nd meet against Cleveland Heights.

One of the outstanding relays this season is the 3200 with senior Steve Manka, juniors Aaron Henry and Seth Connally and sophomore Eric Willis. In addition, the 1600 relay consisting of Willis, Henry and seniors Alex Henry and Scott Ferguson is also strong according to Head Coach Charles Richards.

As of now both sophomore Russel Bowles and senior Russel Stokes have a chance of being in the 1600 relay.

The team's strength in individual events come from Ferguson in both the High and Intermediate Hurdles, Alex Henry in the 100, 200, and 400, Connally in the 800, and Kevin McQuillen and Keith Long in the 1600 and 3200.

"There is enough time where in the up and coming meets to really compete on a difficult level," said Richard.

—FROM STAFF REPORTS—

ON THE DEFENSE. The girls' lacrosse team, handicapped by a lack of experience, had difficulty mounting an offense all season, which meant junior goalie Jane Schmidt had her work cut out for her. PHOTO BY EVAN WEINSTEIN.

YOUTHFUL TENNIS SQUAD SLAMS AREA OPPOSTION

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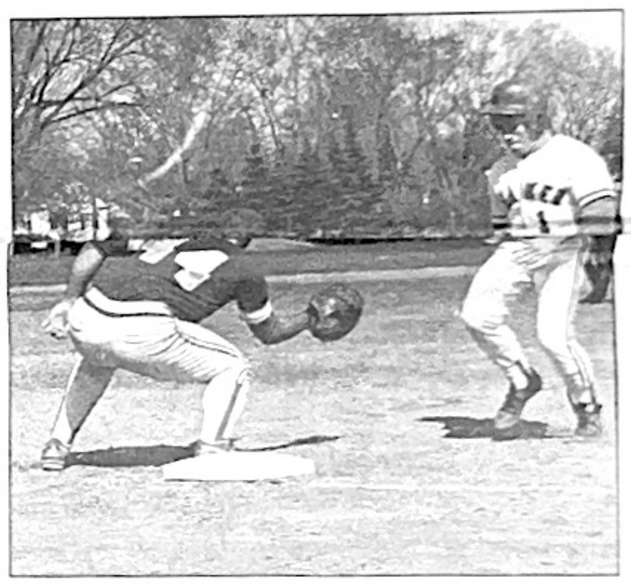
are sophomores."

According to Slawson, Shaker has the potential to be the powerhouse of Northeast Ohio. Presently, University School is the dominant force in the region. Shaker's only seasonal losses came at the hands of the Preppers (5-0, 5-0). University School knocked the Red Raiders out of the team state tournament on May 16.



KEEPING HIM HONEST. Senior Josh Nathanson dashes back to first base, hoping to beat the tag. After a blazing start, the team cooled off with two league losses to Lakewood. PHOTO BY MILES MOLYNEAUX.

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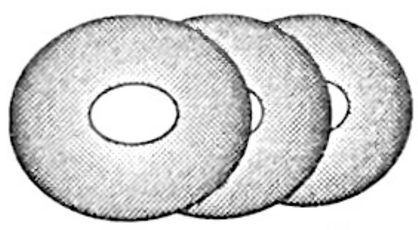
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